

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 - 14 are pending in the present application, of which claims 5 and 11 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Examiner Interview:

The courtesy extended by Examiner Vu during the November 24, 2003 personal interview is gratefully appreciated. During such interview, Examiner Vu suggested changing the lower and upper wiring layers language recited in the present claimed invention to the lower and upper dielectric layers.

Accordingly, in each of the independent claims 1, 6 and 12, the lower wiring layer and upper wiring layer have been changed to the lower dielectric layer and upper dielectric layer, respectively. For example, as shown in Fig. 4, the lower dielectric film 10 and lower pad 11 define a lower dielectric layer and the upper dielectric film 30 and the upper pad 31 define an upper dielectric layer.

35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph, Rejection:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 - 10 and 12 - 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1, 6 and 12 has been amended in the manner suggested by Examiner Vu during the November 24, 2003 interview to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6 - 10 and 12 - 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number below to expedite the disposition of this case.

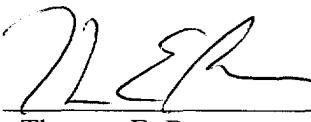


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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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